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SUBJ: PEREZ DE CUELLAR REPORTS DENKTASH LETTERS TO
WALDHEIM AND MAKARIOS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL CONVEYED TO US
SUBSTANCE OF DENKTASH LETTERS TO SYG WALDHEIM AND
PRESIDENT MAKARIOS PROPOSING MEETING UNDER UN AUSPICES
AT LEDRA PALACE. ARCHBISHOP REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE
WOULD CONSIDER OFFER. MEANWHILE PEREZ DE CUELLAR
REPORTED THREE STEPS WESTERN POWERS MIGHT CONSIDER.
END SUMMARY.

2. UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL FOR CYPRUS (SHERRY) INFORMED
US JANUARY 11 THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR REPORTED SAME DAY
THAT HE HAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM DENKTASH TO SYG
WALDHEIM AND PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. PEREZ DE CUELLAR MET
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SOON AFTERWARDS WITH MAKARIOS TO DELIVER LETTER AND BY
SEPARATE CABLE FORWARDED DENKTASH'S LETTER TO WALDHEIM.
BOTH LETTERS CONTAINED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ELEMENTS.

3. DENKTASH TO WALDHEIM:

--HOPE THAT WAY MAY BE OPENED TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS

BY SUGGESTING NEW IDEA;

--MAKARIOS IS ON RECORD IN LONDON TIMES INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT FISH AS SAYING THAT WITH A VIEW TO HELPING A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM HE WOULD ACCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS A FEDERAL SOLUTION, ADDING THAT ANY KIND OF FEDERATION SHOULD SAFEGUARD THE UNITY OF THE STATE.

--FURTHER MAKARIOS SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT AND THE RIGHT OF PROPERTY ARE BASIC PREREQUISITES TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SEPARATE TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION.

--IMPORTANT ASPECT FOR TURKISH SIDE IS TO BRING INTO LIGHT STRUCTURE OF FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS WHILE FOR THE GREEK SIDE THE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS TO ASCERTAIN BOUNDARY LINE.

--THUS ESSENTIAL QUESTION IS HOW TO BRIDGE GAP.

--(HERE DENKTASH REFERRED TO RECORD OF BREAK-DOWN OF CYPRUS TALKS.) I AM PROPOSING TO ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS THAT WE COME TOGETHER IN NICOSIA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF YOUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THE IMPASSE AND TO TRY TO AGREE ON NEW GUIDELINES TO BE GIVEN TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE TALKS.

4. PEREZ DE CUELLAR MET WITH MAKARIOS ON JANUARY 11 TO CONVEY LETTER FROM DENKTASH DATED JANUARY 9.
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MAKARIOS TOLD PEREZ DE CUELLAR HE WANTED TIME TO CONSIDER LETTER AND WOULD THEREFORE LET SHORT INTERVAL LAPSE. MAKARIOS INDICATED FURTHER THAT IN THE EVENT OF A MEETING, HE HOPED DENKTASH WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE DECISIONS. PEREZ DE CUELLAR IN HIS REPORT TO UN HEADQUARTERS NOTED THAT MAKARIOS DID NOT SEEM TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO DENKTASH'S HAVING SIGNED LETTER AS "PRESIDENT;" AND PEREZ DE CUELLAR COMMENTED THAT LETTERS HAD BEEN DRAFTED IN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR.

5. DENKTASH TO MAKARIOS:

--IN YOUR INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT FISK IN LONDON TIMES, ETC. (REPEATING SAME POINTS ABOVE IN WALDHEIM LETTER);

--THIS IS TO PUT ON RECORD THAT I AM READY TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS;

--NEEDLESS TO SAY I AM ALSO READY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRANSITIONAL, BICOMMUNAL ADMINISTRATION AS A FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AS I FEEL THAT PROLONGATION OF THE PRESENT SITUATION WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR US TO ESTABLISH A BICOMMUNAL FEDERATION IN THE FUTURE.

6. PEREZ DE CUELLAR FURTHER REPORTED THAT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GOC OFFICIALS, TURK/CYPRIOIS, DIPLOMATS AND PROFESSOR HORST EHMKE (FRG SOCIAL DEMOCRAT), WHO HAS MET RECENTLY WITH BOTH SIDES, HE, PEREZ DE CUELLAR, GATHER THAT THREE STEPS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY WESTERN POWERS:

(A) THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION MIGHT SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY ON A FACT-FINDING MISSION;

(2) THE EC-9 MIGHT ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE OF 2 OR
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3 TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO BOTH SIDES FOR THEIR COMMENTS; AND

(3) IF THE EC-9 PROPOSALS WERE WELL RECEIVED THEN THE STAGE WOULD SEEM TO BE SET FOR CONVENING ANOTHER ROUND OF CYPRUS TALKS UNDER THE UN AUSPICES.

7. SHERRY INFORMED US THAT WALDHEIM REPLIED TO DENKTASH JANUARY 12 ACKNOWLEDGING DENKTASH'S PROPOSAL AND INDICATING SYG'S READINESS TO PROVIDE GOOD OFFICES AS NEEDED. (COMMENT: UN SECRETARIAT TENDS TO REGARD DENKTASH'S PROPOSAL WITH CAUTION WHILE POINTING OUT THAT MAKARIOS AT LEAST DID NOT REJECT THE PROPOSAL OUT OF HAND. AS TO REPORTS OF EC-9 ACTIVITIES, THERE IS NO INFORMATION FROM ANY SOURCE IN NEW YORK, INCLUDING BRITISH WHO SERVE AS EC-9 PRESIDENT, TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THESE ALLEGED "STEPS.")
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